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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Apparently AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city backhaul; the very technology that allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of our customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Please DO NOT allow this too happen. We need to preserve competition...ALWAYS! I now have better and more competitive internet and phone service than I had before. I DO NOT WISH TO SEE THAT GO AWAY.

THANKS.

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